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DTSC Funds Site Investigation at Seven Brownfields Sites



SITE MITIGATION AND BROWNFIELDS REUSE PROGRAM

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SELECTED SITES - 2005

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is providing technical services to perform investigation work at seven sites throughout California. These services are part of the Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) program funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The TSIs are being performed in collaboration with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB) to encourage brownfields redevelopment in the state.

The TSI program is available to government agencies and non-profit organizations with specific brownfields projects that involve redeveloping potentially contaminated properties. DTSC offers this service with the objective to further characterize sites planned for redevelopment and reuse and to reduce the uncertainty associated with perceived contamination at no cost to the program applicant.

The Selected Projects for 2005 include:

City of Antioch - This proposed mixed-use development contained in Antioch's waterfront plan is expected to revitalize the downtown area. Soil contamination resulted from historic operations at a radiator shop and an auto repair shop. The TSI services will determine the extent of contamination and provide perspective developers with information about investment opportunities.

City of Duarte - This one-half acre parcel is the site of an abandoned gas station. TSI services will provide analytical information that will be needed to determine the City of Duarte's reuse options. City leaders ultimately hope that environmental clearance for the land will further its plans for downtown redevelopment.

City of Fairfield - The service station that once occupied this property has resulted in concerns over contamination to both the soil and groundwater. TSI services will provide significant information regarding petroleum contamination at this site. The City of Fairfield envisions creating a "walkable" residential community.

City of Lynwood - This land, part of a 10 acre area known as the Alameda Triangle, has both real and perceived problems ranging from unauthorized dumping to soil and groundwater contamination due to past manufacturing practices. TSI services will be instrumental in determining the extent of contamination. Plans for reuse are to transform the blighted area into much needed affordable housing and commercial activities to create jobs and strengthen the local economy.

Community of Pacoima - This site was once used as a gas station, and muffler and radiator shop. The soil is contaminated with petroleum and heavy metals, primarily lead. Redevelopment has been put on hold due to concerns over contamination. TSI services will provide valuable information to assist the Community of Pacoima in making reuse decisions. The community seeks economic opportunities to create jobs and retail activity in an area of high unemployment.

City of Redding - The TSI services will resolve contamination issues at the former Greyhound passenger terminal and maintenance facility. While in operation, Greyhound utilized four underground diesel storage tanks, which has generated concern over the degree of soil contamination from the leaking tanks. The City of Redding seeks to transform the downtown area into a mixed-use activity, which could provide housing, create new jobs, and increase tax revenue.

City of San Diego - This site has been the location of the San Diego Unified School District storage yard, warehouse and maintenance facility. The vacant facility attracts vagrants and is unsightly to the community. The proposed development consists of mixed-use retail, commercial, daycare, and rental units which are geared toward low income and the elderly. The proposed reuse project will provide income and remove the blight that deteriorates the potential value of the community.

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